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Polska Zbrojna, No 312, 13 November 1949 stated that a detailed census would be taken of all farm machines at State Farms and service stations of TOR (Technical Farm Services), POM (State Machine Centers), and SOM (Cooperative Machine Centers). To date, the results of this census have not been reported. However, scattered reports appeared in the Polish press during March which give some general information on tractors and farm machinery.

REVEAL GIGANTIC PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING SOWING -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 65, 7 Mar 50

Farm machinery and tractors will take part in this year's spring sowing to a far greater extent than in 1949. The 1950 work plan for machine centers calls for plowing 188,500 hectares, sowing 755,000 hectares, and cleaning 40,600 tons of grain seed.

Farmers will be aided in the spring sowing by 2,855 Cooperative Machine Centers with 10,000 community branches. The great expansion of community branches was made possible by increased domestic production of farm machinery and increased deliveries of tractors from abroad, especially from the USSR and Czechoslovakia. Over 200,000 farm machines, including 13,000 tractors, will be available for the 1950 spring campaign.

The State Machine Centers, which will number 100 in 1950, will serve producers' cooperatives. Each center is equipped with 20-90 tractors and a proportionate number of drills, sheaf binders, threshing machines, etc. It also has a fully-equipped repair shop.

By 1 March 1950, the Technical Farm Services and Cooperative Machine Center repair shops had repaired 90 percent of the tractors and larger farm machines. The balance of the repairs will be completed by 15 March. Ten percent of all arable land will be machine-cultivated. By 1955 it is expected that 45 percent of the area will be cultivated by machine.

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ORGANIZATION OF STATE MACHINE CENTERS -- Polska Zbrojna, No 83, 24 Mar 50

The State Machine Centers are organized as state enterprises under the jurisdiction of the Central Administration in Warsaw through wojewodztwo inspection agencies.

The 76 State Machine Center stations now in existence are classified according to three categories: Class I with less than 10 tractors, Class II with 10-20 tractors, and Class III with 20-50 tractors.

Each station is regarded as an independent unit for accounting purposes. It has a manager assisted by a staff of three: the assistant manager, who directs the political activity of the station and arranges cooperation with producers' cooperatives; the senior agronomist, who supervises the application of agricultural technology in the work of the station and farm cooperatives which it serves; and the senior mechanic, who prepares the plan of technical services, is responsible for upkeep of the tractors, and organizes technical assistance to producers' cooperatives.

POZNAN WOJEWODZTWO PREPARES FOR SPRING PLOWING -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 60, 2 Mar 50

According to figures released at a meeting of the Wojewodztwo People's Council, the 1950 sowing program for Poznan Wojewodztwo will cover 1,281,696 hectares, including individual farms totaling 1,131,724 hectares. Repair shops of the State Farms and Technical Farm Services will insure adequate draft power for the State Farms. Producers' Cooperatives will use draft power which they own, plus machinery provided by State and Cooperative Machine Center stations. Individual farms will use their own facilities, and will receive aid from the neighborly assistance program and Cooperative Machine Center stations.

By 15 March, the Poznan Wojewodztwo Technical Farm Service stations will provide 624 tractors, and 147 additional tractors by 30 March. The 326 Cooperative Machine Center stations with more than 1,000 branches will provide 400 tractors. By 15 March, State Machine Center stations will provide 80 tractors.

MACHINE CENTERS NOT READY -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 66, 8 Mar 50

This year, Poznan Wojewodztwo has 326 Cooperative Machine Centers and 1,004 branches ready for the spring sowing. In case of necessity, substations can be set up for the season in locations which are too far from the machine center branches.

The machine centers have prepared a great number of machines including 400 tractors, 160 mechanized seed cleaners, more than 300 fertilizer spreaders, and 3,505 grain drills. The tractors are now being repaired in the machine center garages.

To date, not all the centers have sent in their reports, although the deadline was 28 February. Certain stations in the area do not appear to be ready. The management is not efficient and the equipment is badly maintained.

CENTERS USE 200,000 FARM MACHINES -- Slowo Polskie, No 7, 26 Feb 50

The Cooperative Machine Centers at the end of 1949 had approximately 200,000 agricultural machines. In 1949, tractors plowed 150,000 hectares of land, threshing machines processed 6 million quintals of grain, and drills sowed 680,000 hectares of land.

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The Central Office of Agricultural Cooperatives anticipates that during 1950 approximately 600,000 hectares of land will be plowed, approximately 16 million quintals of grain will be threshed, and 1.5 million hectares of land will be sown. Machines will be used to harvest grain from approximately 800,000 hectares.

ALMOST 700 PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVES TO JOIN IN SOWING -- Zycie Warszawy, No 76, 17 Mar 50

Since 1 January the number of agricultural producers' cooperatives has increased from 243 to 698. The Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform handles the coordination of various forms of aid to cooperatives. Cooperatives are already being supplied with the necessary seed and fertilizers.

The State Machine Centers, Cooperative Machine Centers, and State Farms will furnish the cooperatives with tractors and other agricultural machinery. Seventy-six State Machine Centers will participate in the spring sowing. These centers have 956 tractors, 1,571 two-furrow and three-furrow gang plows, 1,050 harrows of various kinds, 297 drills, and 518 cultivators.

EXTRA TRACTORS TO AID SPRING SOWING -- Express Wieczorny, No 78, 19 Mar 50

Besides the 11,000 to 19,000 tractors which will work on the State Farms 3,500 additional tractors will be put into operation to aid small and medium farmers in their work during the spring sowing. The largest number of tractors, 644, is being dispatched from Wroclaw Wojewodztwo; 546 will come from Szczecin, and 406 from Olsztyn.

GOVERNMENT EXTENDS AID TO AGRICULTURE -- Rolnik Polski, No 31, 12 Mar 50

In 1950 the Polish government will provide 6,700 new tractors, many other types of farm machinery, nearly one million tons of artificial fertilizers, and over 2 billion zlotys' credit for the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, and the lease of farm machines.

The beneficiaries will be State Farms, agricultural producers' cooperatives, and small and medium farmholders.

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